



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Room 412 East, State Capitol
Madison, Wisconsin

February 25, 2004
8:35 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

[The following is a summary of the February 25, 2004 meeting of the Joint Legislative Council. The file copy of this summary has appended to it a copy of each document prepared for or submitted to the committee during the meeting and a copy of the registration form listing those who attended. A digital recording of the meeting is available on our Web site at <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/2002studies.htm>.]

Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Lasee called the meeting to order. The roll was called but a quorum was not present. The roll was left open and a quorum was determined.

Co-Chair Lasee welcomed Representative Dan Schooff to the Joint Legislative Council who replaces Representative Spencer Coggs now that he joins the Council as a Senate member.

Co-Chair Lasee pointed out that with the completion of today's meeting, all of this interim's study committees will have reported. He added that due to the lateness of this legislation session, however, if some of the bills do not advance in the process, they will be considered for reintroduction next year.

Last, he stated that the last agenda item today would be to briefly discuss the proposed timeline for this summer's study committees. It is the Co-Chairs' goal to schedule a Joint Legislative Council meeting for late March to review study requests and begin the study selection process. Similar to last interim, the Council will be faced with the task of doing the study program with less money. Current fiscal concerns will force the Council to not only conduct fewer studies but also maintain smaller committees.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:	Sen. Alan Lasee and Rep. Steve Wieckert, Co-Chairs; Sens. Ronald Brown, G. Spencer Coggs, Alberta Darling, Russell Decker, Jon Erpenbach, Sheila Harsdorf, and Fred Risser; and Reps. Stephen Freese, Dean Kaufert, Jim Kreuser, Michael Lehman, Marlin Schneider, Dan Schooff, and John Townsend.
COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Sens. Michael Ellis, Mary Panzer, and Robert Welch; and Reps. Steven Foti, John Gard, and David Travis.
COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:	Terry C. Anderson, Director; Laura Rose, Deputy Director; Don Dyke, Chief of Legal Services; Mary Matthias, Don Salm, and Russ Whitesel, Senior Staff Attorneys; and Wendy Ulrich and Kelly Mautz, Administrative Assistants.
APPEARANCES:	Sen. Robert Wirth and Rep. Suzanne Jeskewitz, Co-Chairs, Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 55, Placement and Services for Persons With Disabilities; and Sen. Mark Meyer and Rep. Glenn Grothman, Co-Chairs, Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 767, Actions Affecting the Family.

Approval of the Minutes of the Committee's June 3, 2003 Meeting

Noting that a quorum was present, Co-Chair Lasee asked for a motion to approve the June 3, 2003 minutes of the Joint Legislative Council.

Rep. Freese moved, seconded by Rep. Lehman, that the minutes of the June 3, 2003 meeting be approved. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

Consideration of 2002-03 Study Committee Reports:

Report of the Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 55, Placement and Services for Persons With Disabilities

Senator Robert Wirth and Representative Sue Jeskewitz, Co-Chairs, reported on the work of the committee. They explained that after the mail ballot was distributed requesting approval on two omnibus drafts, several public members contacted staff with concerns about one provision in one of the drafts, relating to determining which county must pay for services provided to certain individuals. This provision was discussed at the last meeting but one of the committee members, the director of a county social services department, was ill and unable to attend. He told staff he generally supports the rest of the draft but felt he could not vote yes on the final draft because of the inclusion of this provision. Several other committee members expressed the same thought.

As a result, Senator Wirth and Representative Jeskewitz asked Legislative Council staff to repackaging the committee proposals into one draft containing the bulk of the recodification of the chapter and placing the apparently controversial provision in a freestanding draft. The redrafted proposals

would then be resubmitted to the committee by mail ballot so that their votes can more accurately reflect the consensus they reached on most issues. Senator Wirch and Representative Jeskewitz said they will then present those drafts to the Joint Legislative Council next year for introduction in the next legislation biennium.

Hearing no objections, Co-Chair Lasee noted that the report had been received by the Joint Legislative Council.

Report of the Special Committee on Recodification of Ch. 767, Actions Affecting the Family

Representative Glenn Grothman and Senator Mark Meyer, Co-Chairs, briefly reported on the activities of the committee and described WLC: 0191/P2, relating to recodification of reorganizing and revising ch. 767 of the statutes. The bulk of the draft is an extensive reorganization of ch. 767, Stats. The draft also includes noncontroversial substantive changes and clarifications. The Co-Chairs asked the Joint Legislative Council to recommend introduction of the proposal now so that it may be ready for early introduction and consideration next session and have the advantage of additional scrutiny by interested parties during the interim.

Sen. Risser moved, seconded by Rep. Freese, that WLC: 0191/P2, relating to reorganizing and revising ch. 767 of the statutes, be approved by the Joint Legislative Council. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes, 16 (Sens. Lasee, Brown, Coggs, Darling, Decker, Erpenbach, Harsdorf, and Risser; and Reps. Wieckert, Freese, Kaufert, Kreuser, Lehman, Schneider, Schooff and Townsend); Noes, 0; and Absent, 6 (Sens. Ellis, Panzer, and Welch; and Reps. Foti, Gard, and Travis).

[Sen. Panzer and Reps. Foti and Gard noted that had they been present, they would have voted "aye" on WLC: 0191/P2.]

Discussion of Study Proposals for the 2004 Interim

Mr. Anderson briefly went over the proposed timeline for the 2004 study selection. He then referred members to their notebooks where there was a list showing the study requests received to date. Mr. Anderson mentioned that another interim study nomination form was being given to them for their use and encouraged members to spread the word among other legislators that requests should be submitted by March 1, 2004.

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Joint Legislative Council.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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